

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 4-7 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and to overcome the 35 USC §112, 2nd paragraph, rejection set forth in the Office Action.

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars:

1. Amendments and Support for Same

By the Response, claims 1 and 2 have been amended to incorporate off of the allowable features of claim 4, and to further clarify the claim language. Claims 5-7 have been amended to change their dependency to claim 1. New dependent claims 8-10 paralleling claims 5-7 have been added. New claims 5-7 are dependent from claim 2. No new matter has been added. Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-2 and 5-10 are respectfully submitted for consideration. Approval and entry of the amendments are respectfully requested.

2. Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph

With respect to the objection to claims 1-7, Applicant has amended the claims to further clarify the claim language. Particularly, the phrase “two kinds of nuts of” has been amended as “a first thread nut and a second thread nut”. In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the §112, 2nd paragraph, rejections of claims 1-7.

3. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

With respect to the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kumura (US 5,092,753) in view of Katsunori (JP 2002-227957), the rejection has been rendered moot by the amendment to claims 1 and 2 to include all of the allowable features of claim 4, and by the cancellation of claim 3.

4. Conclusion

In view of the amendments to the claims, and in further view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that claims 1-2 and 5-10 be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

Further, while no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4525.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's representative, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown.

Respectfully submitted,

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